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It is becoming a serious question whether the presidential aspirants or the delegates will be in a majority at the next Republican national convention.

THE Taylor County Citizen, published at Perry, by W. J. Lee, is the latest addition to Florida journalism. The Citizen is a welcome addition to the newspaper ranks of the state.

FORMER editor of the Dunnellon Advocate and other Florida ventures, T. B. Hartig, is now editor and proprietor of a newspaper at Withlacoochee, Ga., which he has christened the "Sun."

RUSSIA'S losses during the war with Japan, killed and wounded on land and sea, were 321,000, and 58,000 prisoners now held in Japan. The Japanese losses in killed, wounded and captured number about 167,000.

THE Lakeland Sun has again made a change in its management. C. E. McMullen, the promoter, disposing of his interest to his partner, M. F. Heatherington. Mr. McMullen will devote his time to political offices, which he must find more remunerative.

ALL the states in the Union prescribe the death penalty for murder except Maine, Rhode Island, Michigan and Wisconsin. It was abolished in Iowa 1872, but restored in 1878. It was also abolished in Colorado, but restored in 1901.

Up to the present no 1905 dollars have been coined by the mints, and the chances are that only a few may be struck. Their scarcity would in a few years, boost the value of the coins to collectors, just as the rarity of 1904 dollars has made them worth from \$1.000 and upward to numismatists.

THE people of Dade county have good reason to feel proud of the showing made by the report of the county tax assessor. An increase in taxable values of nearly one and a half million dollars in one year is a record that perhaps no other county in Southern Florida has ever been able to show. The figures speak more eloquently than words of a wonderful growth and prosperity. —Miami Metropolis.

THE MASS MEETING.

THE mass meeting held at the Fort Pierce High school building Tuesday evening to discuss the bond issue, was a most harmonious gathering, and much interest was manifested by those present in the question at issue.

The speeches made were masterful efforts and created the issue in clear and emphatic manner, and had any been present who opposed the question they would have had a difficult proposition to convince anyone of the logical grounds for their opposition. It was regretted that none of the opposition were present, for they missed an opportunity to have posted themselves on every phrase of the question.

Mr. McCarty pointed out that it was to the interest of every citizen of the town to favor the issue of bonds. That it was the beginning of the Fort Pierce of the future, and the outcome of the efforts of the citizens of the town for the past fifteen years, and that every property holder who had the interest of the town, and his own interest at heart should turn out next Tuesday and cast a solid vote for the issuance of bonds.

THE TRIBUNE regrets that our entire citizenship is not as harmonious on this question as the meeting was. Every interest of the town demands that we present a united front on every question that shall present itself in time to come, and it is unfortunate that upon a matter of such small financial interest that there should be any dissensions.

It is hoped that the meeting will result in much good, and that whatever opposition there has been in the past will be withdrawn and that the election will be as unanimous for the issuance of bonds as possible.

THE DRAINAGE PROJECT.

The party under the leadership of County Surveyor J. O. Fries, of Everglades county, who have been employed by the State to determine if the drainage of the Everglades is a feasible project, have returned to Fort Pierce, and Mr. Fries is now enroute to Tallahassee to present his report to the governor.

This report will show that the project is entirely practicable, and that the fall from Lake Okechobee to the Indian river is about 22 feet, which is ample to thoroughly drain the entire Everglades and reclaim a million acres of the most fertile lands in the State.

The survey commenced on the St. Lucie river near Stuart and extended in a due westerly course to the lake. Almost the entire distance was covered with water and the work was most difficult.

While the proposed canal would open up many acres of fertile lands to cultivation in the vicinity of the canal and Lake Okechobee, it will also add greatly to the future of our progressive neighbor on the south—Stuart-on-the-St. Lucie—for with the opening of the canal, the rushing of the great volume of water down the St. Lucie river to the ocean would soon solve the problem of deep water transportation without waiting for government aid in dredging out the flats that now prohibit the coming of the ocean liners.

CURRENT COMMENT.

After the Portsmouth hotel keepers get through with him, M. Witte may conclude that the Japanese bill was pretty reasonable after all. —Halifax Journal.

The Italians at Patterson, La., are threatening to make trouble for the yellow fever doctors. Let's see; some one was advocating the immigration of these people to this country not long ago. —Gainesville Sun.

The editorial vamoose mosquito which has been deprecatory on the editors of DeSoto county, has reached Wildwood, where last week he stung Editor G. W. Adams and caused the sudden and mysterious disappearance of that journalistic luminary. —Punta Gorda Herald.

"Elijah" Dowle says every family in Zion must produce a baby each year. What do the ladies of his flock think of that? The next thing he will be advocating that men of his flock should have two or three wives. Is he interested in a paregoric factory? —Clearwater Press.

The farmers of Florida are better off than those of California, having a much smaller per cent of debts on their homes. With the low price of land, the varied crops the soil will produce, the small amount of fuel and clothing needed, there is a better chance for the man of moderate means in Florida than any state in the Union. —Gainesville Sun.

Editor Hugh Sparkman, of the Zolfo Advertiser, endorses this paper's suggestion that the DeSoto county editors wear bright red patches on the seats of their trousers for the purpose of identification, and calls particularly upon the Arcadia Champion to adopt the idea. Naughty Hugh! Doesn't he know that the Champion's editor is a lady? —Punta Gorda Herald.

Claude L'Engle and Cartoonist Taylor and another crackerjack journalist are booked to start a new weekly paper in Jacksonville when the tourists begin to arrive. There are millions to be made out of weekly newspapers, if a fellow only knows how, and the Tribune is assured that these gentlemen have the cash, the nerve, energy and tenacity and it wishes them well. —Tampa Tribune.

A certain gentleman has been in the habit of shipping each year a crate of fruit to a friend in Indiana. One year it is a box of oranges, another a box of grapefruit, and then again avocados. This year he notified his friend that he was shipping him a box of guavas, and the Indiana man desiring to get them, spoke to the express agent about them. The agent informed him that as soon as the box arrived he would let him know. In a day or two in they came. The agent seeing the gentleman, said: "Well, your box has come, but, do you know, I really think your guava is dead." —Miami Record.

JENSEN.

J. S. Padgett, of White City, was transacting business here a few days ago.

A. L. Davis has transferred his meat business to E. P. Fripp, formerly of White City.

The Palm Beach ball team was up this way last week, and they claim to have had a good time.

The Cocoa colored boys played ball

with the Jensen colored boys last Saturday and were badly beaten.

We are informed that Mr. Toussaint has gone to Pennsylvania on account of the serious illness of his mother.

Mr. W. F. Wolfe, our popular station agent, is enjoying a well earned vacation, his place being temporarily occupied by Mr. Yelvington.

Mrs. G. E. Coon entertained a party of young ladies last Wednesday for Miss Mattie Coon, who departed on Thursday for Atlanta to visit her brother, Dr. W. N. Coon, who is engaged in business there.

On Sunday last we received a heavy down-pour of rain, accompanied by some pretty sharp lightning. Henry Kling's house was struck, and the contents of the sitting room considerably scattered about; some of the drapery was ignited, but Joe and a companion being near, the fire was soon extinguished without serious loss. It is needless to say that Mrs. Kling was badly frightened.

School opens next Monday, and the long vacation will then be a thing of the past. We, the parents, hope the high standard of our school will be maintained, perhaps excelled. The patrons of the school can materially aid the teachers in their work by occasional visits to the school, and the endorsement of whatever is praiseworthy. On visiting the school, if you observe anything which does not receive your approval speak to the teacher about it rather than discuss it with the neighbors.

TIBBALS.

H. M. Sutton is preparing to erect a large tank on his Linwood plantation to supply water to the house and for irrigation purposes.

The continuous rains for the past six weeks have caused all plants and trees to make a most wonderful growth, and Tibbals is now looking its best.

Mr. Backster has lost a very fine dog. The animal was bitten by a rattlesnake while out hunting. The snake was shot later and measured seven feet.

The county mowing machine has been repaired again and is being used to cut the weeds on the public roads between Tibbals and Waveland. Delay in the work was due to the inability to repair or replace the broken parts, and not to any neglect of duty on the part of our county commissioners.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jennings and son, Lane, who are now visiting relatives in Harrisburg, Pa., report very fine weather. Mrs. Jennings had the misfortune to sprain her thumb when boarding the train at Tibbals and has suffered considerable with it, not being able to use her hand yet.

J. T. Waters is home from a trip through the north and west portions of the county taking census for the state, which about completes his work. He is very enthusiastic over the great natural advantages the western part of the county offers to the farmer and fruit grower and says the only drawback is the lack of transportation facilities. It is his belief that the state could make no better investment than to build a railroad through the timber ridge and farming lands from Sanford via Olney, Midway, Fort Drum, and along the east shore of Lake Okechobee to West Palm Beach. Such a road would open up hundreds of thousands of acres of the richest farming lands in Florida which is now growing in a small way all kinds of fruits and vegetables, sugar cane and corn as fine as he ever saw, without a pound of fertilizer being used. Mr. Waters claims that the state has made a serious mistake in spending so much money and giving away so much land for promised canals which are never completed or put in shape so the public can get any benefit from them. The same amount of money spent in building railroads would have brought to the state hundreds of thousands of dollars to one dollar derived from canals and would still own lands now donated for worthless ditches called canals.

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